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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15TH, 1909.

The London newspapers of the latter half of November devote considerable space to chronicling the doings of the members of the Chinese Naval Commission in England—their reception on arrival in London, their entertainment by the KING at Windsor, by Sir EDWARD GRIEFT at the Foreign Office, their visits to the Admiralty, the Royal Naval School at Greenwich and to the various dockyards. The exceptional character of the honours accorded is of course explained by the fact that a member of the Imperial Family of China heads the Mission. Prince THAI HSUN appears to have been delighted with his reception, and especially by the welcome accorded to him by the KING at Windsor. The "serious business" of the Commission, in England, according to Admiral SAN, was to spend about three weeks visiting ports, arsenals, dockyards, shipbuilding yards and training establishments, "carefully gathering and noting all improvements applicable to our Navy that may be suggested by what we see." The Commission, which is now at Paris, goes on to Berlin, Rome, Vienna and St. Petersburg, and return to Peking in January, when the results of their investigations will be embodied in a report to be submitted to the PRINCE REGENT. Contrary to announcements recently published in the American Press, the Commission has no authority to place definite orders for warships. Admiral SAN, when questioned on this point in London, disposed of the report by saying: "We have no such authority. Eventually there is little doubt that such

orders will be placed over here, but not for at least three or four years, and until our finances are in a stronger condition and we have completed the first portion of our plans." We very much doubt whether there is at present anything like a correct appreciation by the Government at Peking of the financial problems associated with the creation of an Imperial Navy. Many plans have recently been discussed in China for raising the necessary funds, and the latest contribution we have seen is the following: "No plan has yet been definitely adopted. The most effective seemed to be to resume the sale of official ranks, but as this was forbidden by Edict, a reward of patents of nobility to be granted in return for contributions was deemed better. The Ministry of Finance has proposed to obtain sanction to institute a system of five grades of nobility, to be conferred on officials of the 2nd or 3rd Grade, or of higher rank, who may subscribe certain amounts to the Navy Fund." If that is the Chinese Government's idea of the best financial system, that can be devised to create and maintain an Imperial Navy, they would be well advised to, at once renounce the idea of a creating a navy. Well-informed writers on the London Press know what value to put upon the labours of the Commission.

"The first criticism one is inclined to make of the visit of the Chinese Imperial Commissioners," says one commentator, "is that no navy can hope to be anything but a shocking waste of money unless it is based on a sound financial system, capable of meeting not merely the first cost, but all of the demands which minister to its efficient maintenance." The writer goes on to refer to railway finance in China, and then gives the warning that it is far more difficult to keep to the straight path in naval matters. The Japanese experience of a navy created without corruption is almost unique. Sailors know very well how easy it is to provide all the appearance of a navy, and yet the money may, through the inability of statesmen to visualise the very different demands of war from peace, be as good as thrown into the sea. When told he would command the Spanish fleet if war broke out with the United States, CARVERA replied: "In that case I shall accept, knowing, however, that I am going to a Trafalgar." "And how can that disaster be avoided?" he was asked. "By allowing me," he replied, "to expend beforehand 50,000 tons of coal in evolutions and 10,000 projectiles in target practice. Otherwise we shall go to a Trafalgar. Remember what I say." Something similar has been written regarding the unpreparedness of the Russian Fleet which suffered annihilation at the hands of Japan. But the writer we have quoted says: "It may be that all this has been foreseen." If it has, we are afraid it has been seen but dimly by the Government at Peking. Many of the schemes, including the one now most favoured, for providing the necessary funds are so ludicrously inadequate and unsatisfactory that one would scarcely expect to hear of them except in comic opera. Until China has a sound financial system on which the proposed Navy can depend for its maintenance it would be folly to build a Fleet, and the sooner that is recognised and accepted the better for China. We have previously expressed the belief that this determination to develop her Navy will perhaps do more than anything else to compel recognition of the imperative need of a scheme of financial reform which shall comprehend the annual compilation of a National Budget. Not much progress will be made with the naval plans of the Government before that is done, and, in any case, it is unlikely, we think, that China will commence with the big shipbuilding programme mentioned in some of the Chinese newspapers. Before China goes in for Dreadnoughts she will need more cruisers and destroyers as a training squadron, and the larger units can be added later when she has trained sufficient men to man them. In this connection it is interesting to note that there is no inclination to seek foreign help in the training of the Navy. "I think we can get along by ourselves," Admiral SAN answered when questioned on this subject in London—which will perhaps be regarded as one more reason why the world should not be alarmed by the talk of China's plans of naval development.

The owner of a lady's bicycle found at the Star Ferry Wharf is wanted. The report was brought to the Police Station the bicycle of a lady found at Star Ferry Wharf."

The organ recital given in St. Peter's Church, West Point, last evening by Mr. George Grimble was well attended. His selections from blind composers were greatly appreciated and the solos by Mrs. R. E. Bellis and Mr. R. E. White were well taken.

Hankow has been declared an infected port by the Superintendent of Customs and the Consular Body at Shanghai.

The attention of lady readers is directed to the advertisement on page 4 regarding the resumption of classes in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association.

A meeting of Legislative Council is called for to-morrow. Three Bills are down on the agenda for third reading—the Stamp, Oxidane, Squatters' Ordinance, and the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance.

Two of the demimondaines were brought before the Magistracy yesterday charged with returning from banishment. Their names were Pauline Salago and Pauline Grimberg. They were given till the 17th to leave the Colony.

Genl-Sir John French, in his approaching visit of the garrisons in China and the Straits Settlements, will be accompanied by his Staff Officer, Brig-Gen. D. Henderson, C.B., and aide-de-camp, Lieut. Hon. M. V. B. Brett, Coldstream Guards.

Mr. N. Williamson, Political Officer at Sadiya, Upper Assam, recently delivered an address before the Royal Geographical Society advocating the construction of a railway from India to China via Lohit Valley to Szechuan as a means of procuring enormous expansion of trade between India and China.

The South Manchuria Railway Co.'s statement of accounts for the first half of the present fiscal year ended September 30 indicates the marvellous prosperity of the corporation and shows an increase of forty per cent. in the gross receipts and of fifty per cent. in the mining receipts on those for the corresponding term of the preceding year. The railway earnings during the said term reached Y. 5,837,000.

In the action brought by Umer Jooch against S. A. Marica to recover \$152, balance due for wages, the defendant on Monday consented to judgment, and it was entered accordingly by Mr. Justice Gomperts in Chambers. Mr. F. Paget Hett (of Messrs. Bruton and Hett) was the solicitor for the plaintiff, and the defendant was represented by Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morell).

By kind permission of the Col. and the officers the Band of the 13th Rajputs will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, the 16th inst. (weather permitting):—

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"The Bohemian Girl" Kappay Selection

"La Paloma" John Hartman Piccolo solo "Chant du Rossignol" F. Filippovsk

God Save the King.

A robbery with violence was committed in broad daylight yesterday morning at eight o'clock in Wing Wo Street. A woman walking along the street was attacked by three men from behind, one of whom seized her by the neck and another snatched a gold and rattan bangle from her left wrist. The other tried to get away with a similar bangle on her right arm, but did not succeed. The three men then disappeared. The bangle stolen was valued at \$20.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie has renewed his offer to the Shanghai Municipal Council to contribute Tls. 25,000 towards the building of a second Municipal School for Chinese on certain terms. The offer was originally made in 1907, but the Council at that time were of opinion that the scheme was premature. The Committee of the present school has made strong recommendation that the proposals made by Mr. Kadoorie should be now accepted, and the scheme is to be submitted for sanction by the ratepayers at the next annual meeting.

The counterfeiting case mentioned in our columns yesterday came before Mr. Halifax at the Magistracy yesterday, when thirteen men and two women—were placed in the dock to answer various charges. Some were charged with being in possession of spurious coin, some with selling it, and others with importing it. In one house 136 Hongkong dollars and 231 Indo-China piastres were found. Several of the men were fortune-tellers and one was a Taoist priest. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson prosecuted and the case was remanded.

A Singapore Polo Team is going to Manila for the Carnival. Teams are expected also from Hongkong and Shanghai. A Manila contemporary remarks that Hongkong, the colony the most neighbourly with Manila of any in the East, might be expected to send a large contingent were it not for the fact that the date chosen for the Carnival this year in a measure conflict with an important festival at Hongkong. "As masters stand now, anyone who comes over from Hongkong will have to miss either the last and best half of the Carnival or the races. The directors should deliberate well on the matter before they decide definitely to select dates that conflict with Hongkong festival."

A godown belonging to Messrs. Mackenzie and Co. of Shanghai was completely destroyed by fire last week. The building was insured with the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. The godown was used chiefly for the storage of raw cotton, which after being pressed was shipped by the owners. The value of the contents is estimated at about half a million taels, and the damage done is assessed approximately at about three taels of taels. The contents were the property of many owners, but it is believed that each lot was covered by insurance. Fortunately, the machinery used in pressing the cotton was situated at another godown, which will reduce considerably the inconvenience caused by the fire.

TELEGRAMS.

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EDITOR'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS".

TUMULTUOUS DEBATE IN
THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, December 14th.

A Constantinople telegram states that an interpellation in the Chamber regarding the Convention for the amalgamation of a British company, of which a Mr. Lynch is the head, with the Hamidieh Company for the navigation of the Tigris and Euphrates, led to an important and tumultuous debate.

The Grand Vizier announced that the Cabinet would resign unless their action were approved.

A vote of confidence in the Government was subsequently carried by 168 votes to 8.

THE BRITISH ELECTION
CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, December 14th.

The Rt. Hon. A. Lyttleton (C), speaking at Slough, regarded the Government's adoption of Home Rule and their weakness regarding the Navy as disastrous in view of the possibility of a European war.

Sir Edward Grey, speaking at Woolmer, emphasised that it was absolutely essential that Great Britain should maintain her naval supremacy.

KING LEOPOLD.

LONDON, December 14th.

Extreme unction has been administered to His Majesty King Leopold of Belgium.

DEATH OF A NOTED
SHIPOWNER.

LONDON, December 14th.

The death is announced of Sir Alfred Jones, K.C.M.G., senior partner in the firm of Elder, Dempster & Co., shipowners.

[Sir Alfred was also President of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and the Founder of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. He was decorated in recognition of services to the West African Colonies and Jamaica.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Mr. Max Muller, Councillor of the British Legation in Peking, and his wife, and Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton and Colonel the Hon. Charles Lambton are guests of His Excellency at Government House.

At 3 p.m. yesterday His Excellency inspected the Police Force on parade at the Central Police Station. The members of the force performed manual and firing exercises and at the close His Excellency, addressing the European contingent, complimented the policemen on their smart appearance and said the community ought to be pleased with the efficiency of the force. He subsequently addressed the Indian and Chinese contingents, his remarks being interpreted. Afterwards the Governor went round the men's quarters and also went into the finger print bureau where the system was explained to him.

Bear-Admiral Barry, accompanied by Captain Orchard, U. S. S. West Virginia, Captain Pond, U. S. S. Pennsylvania and Flag-Lieutenant Gainsford called on His Excellency at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. On landing at Blake Pier they were received by a guard of honour and band of the Buffs and a salute from the shore battery. The Governor A. D. C. met the Admiral at Blake Pier and escorted the party to Government House.

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

REPORTED DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT.

The *Lokalreisezeitung* publishes a statement from which it describes as a reliable source, according to which the Russian Government is about to conclude a contract with a big American syndicate which will develop the Trans-Siberian Railway and lay a second track the whole length of the present line, the project involving an expenditure of hundreds of millions.

Ex-President Roosevelt, the journal adds, has put forward all his influence to secure the contract for the Americans. Two representatives of the syndicate with full powers are now in Europe awaiting the return of Emperor Nicholas to St. Petersburg from Livadia before they go to the capital for the final settlement of the contract. The Emperor will appoint a Russian engineer to report to him from time to time concerning the progress of the work. The journal says that there is no doubt that the recent visit of the Russian Finance Minister to the Far East was undertaken in connection with this project.

The *Lokalreisezeitung* attaches great importance to the news as showing that the Russian Government has no idea of leaving supremacy in the Far East to the Japanese.

CHARGE AGAINST EXCISE
OFFICERS.

DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

The hearing of the charge against four excise officers of assaulting four tallymen on board the *Cyclops* in August last was concluded at the Magistracy yesterday. Mr. H. J. Gedge, of Messrs. Johnson, Stoke and Master, appeared for the complainants, and Mr. Shenton, from the office of Messrs. Deacon, Loeker and Deacon, appeared for the defence.

His Worship—If you have any complaints you must make them to another quarter.

Mr. Gedge—I am not making complaints. What I say is that the police were hacking up the excise officers, and when the identification took place they ought to have insisted upon it being done in the ordinary way and not have laughed in their sleeves and said this is not proper.

Mr. Shenton objected to those remarks.

His Worship—It is fair comment on the evidence.

Mr. Gedge said it was like comic opera to expect the solicitor for the defence to be in charge of the identification. The police should have been absolutely impartial to both sides, and at the time the prosecution should have been told that the identification was not in accordance with the usual regulations. He submitted that so far as it went the men had been properly identified and he asked for a conviction.

His Worship discharged all four defendants. Mr. Shenton asked for costs, but his Worship declined to accede to the request.

FIRE ON "PRINZ LUDWIG."

A fire which caused considerable damage and no little inconvenience occurred on board the Norddeutscher Lloyd mail steamer *Prinz Ludwig* yesterday.

Mr. Shenton then said he would waive his objections. He did not mind if the questions were put to the witness without the report being read.

Mr. Gedge then questioned witness, who said at the time he wrote his report he did not know the names of the men whom he said had been assaulted. He knew they were excise officers. He learned their names afterwards in the charge-room.

Mr. Gedge said his friend had not acted fairly in putting in that document which his Worship had read.

His Worship replied that the Court could call for any document.

Mr. Shenton suggested that he should prove that a copy of the port regulations was handed to the captain.

His Worship said it was unnecessary.

This concluded the case.

Mr. Shenton then addressed the Court. The four defendants stood charged that they as excise officers did commit an assault on the 11th August upon the four complainants. At the outset he indicated that the burden of proof devolved upon his friend, who had to do more than prove assault; he had to prove that the assault was committed by the four defendants. With regard to his friend's view that that was an inquiry, he would like His Worship to make it clear that such a view was erroneous. The only reason the four defendants were in Court was that they should be tried for assault; and anything else done outside could not be considered. Proceeding, he referred to the matter from the point of view of the Opium Ordinance, and pointed out that an excise officer was entitled to go without permission on board any ship in the harbour and search for opium, and should he find anyone in possession of opium he was entitled to arrest that man and convey him

SUPREME COURT

Tuesday, December 14th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. W. ERNEST DAVIES,
K. C. (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

ACTION FOR LIBEL.

The case was continued, in which the President in Hongkong of the Basil Evangelical Missionary Society proceeded against the *Hongkong Sheng Po Co., Ltd.*, of 13, Connaught Road Central, and Hong Wa, editor and publisher, to recover the sum of \$10,000 damages for an alleged libellous article which was printed in the *Sheng Po*.

The case, which was heard before a special jury, arises out of a report sent to the defendant newspaper from the interior of China relating to an operation which was said to have been performed on a woman in one of the Mission hospitals. The jury empanelled contained Messrs. M. S. Northcote (foreman), A. Babington, W. A. Dowley, A. Bryer, A. J. David, H. P. White and A. G. Gordon.

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. F. B. Deacon (Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon), appeared for the plaintiff, and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, represented the defendants.

The last witness called in support of plaintiff's case was giving evidence with reference to subscriptions when

Sir Henry Berkeley submitted that the loss of subscriptions, if it really occurred, was special damage which should have been laid.

His Lordship—You did not take that point yesterday, Sir Henry.

Mr. Slade—It is not special damage. It is evidence of general damage.

His Lordship—Loss of subscriptions would be general damage.

Mr. Slade—I presume my general list diminished in consequence of this article. I cannot prove it, but there is a strong inference. The law is plain that I may give general evidence of damage.

His Lordship—Loss of specific subscriptions certainly comes within the category of special damages.

Mr. Slade—I don't prove loss of special subscriptions.

Sir Henry Berkeley—My objection is confined to specific subscriptions, so you can go on.

His Lordship—I think the jury, in any event, in assessing damages, if they are going to give damages, will take that into consideration.

Mr. Slade—Your Lordship will see that my object is to prove that this article had an effect detrimental to the Mission a long way away from Ho Yuen.

After Dr. Vortisch had been recalled to give further evidence regarding hospital charges, the case for the plaintiff closed.

Sir Henry Berkeley, in opening the defense, submitted that the plaintiff had disclosed no case that his Lordship could leave to the jury, and that under the powers in sections 174-175 of the Code of Civil Procedure his Lordship might and should dismiss the action here and now. In this case it was his Lordship's duty to withdraw the case from the jury and dismiss it, because the plaintiff, the President in Hongkong (the word "in" was important) of the Basil Mission, namely, Mr. Vömel, had not proved that any libel had been published or of concern to him.

Mr. Slade—The plaintiff is "it," not "him."

Sir Henry Berkeley said he would show that the plaintiff was "him." There was no libel proved against the Corporation. Such libel, as he would admit for the sake of argument, had been proved, was against two individuals, Dr. Vortisch and Mr. Sautter, who had had what amounted to an imputation of murder in its gravest view, or in the least harmful view an imputation of malpractice in the performance of their duties at the hospital charged against them personally. Counsel submitted that the libel did not refer to the plaintiff, and therefore was no personal right of action in him.

His Lordship—When you say the plaintiff you mean the plaintiff Corporation?

Sir Henry Berkeley said that that was so. The article did not refer to the plaintiff corporation, and there was no personal right of action in him or it. A corporation had the right of action in respect of a libel to its property, but there was no libel here against the corporation in respect of its property. The imputation here was to persons. It had been laid down that a corporation could not sue for libel or commit murder.

The charge here, if anything at all, was a charge of assault upon this woman by the two missionaries at Ho Yuen, and indeed it might be pushed to a charge of murder against Dr. Vortisch. The Corporation could not commit an assault, as it was only an abstract body and had no personality, and it could not complain being referred to as "it."

Mr. Slade—It cannot be guilty of malice.

Sir Henry Berkeley—That has been held to be possible, but it is not the point here. It has been held that an action for libel will not be at the suit of a corporation in respect of such charge as assault.

Mr. Slade—I beg your pardon, there is no such case.

Sir Henry Berkeley said it had been held in the case of the Mayor of Manchester against Williams that a corporation could not sue in connection with a charge of corruption. Counsel quoted the case, and contended that if his friend's contention was right the mayor and corporation could have brought that action, but the *ratio decidendi* there was that the corporation as a whole could not be guilty of corrupt practices. His next point was that even supposing this Corporation—the President in Hongkong of the Basil Mission—could bring an action in respect of any such charge as this in relation to its

property, the hospital at Ho Yuen was not the property of the President in Hongkong of the Basil Mission.

His Lordship—It is the property of the Corporation.

Sir Henry Berkeley—No, it is the property of the Mission in Basil. The evidence is that the people in Ho Yuen are under the control and management of the Mission in Basil; that the money for completing the hospital was supplied by the Mission in Basil; and that Dr. Vortisch has in time to come to account to the Mission in Basil for money he collects by way of subscriptions.

His Lordship—As regards the point that the property is not the property of the Corporation, I should like to hear what Mr. Sautter says on that.

Sir Henry Berkeley—Mr. Sautter stated that he got an advance from the head Mission at Basil, and that he hoped in time to collect subscriptions from the pious and charitable people to refund that sum.

His Lordship—As regards this point, supposing it is a branch of the Basil Mission Society, do you contend that the Society here would not be entitled to sue in respect of it?

Sir Henry Berkeley—It would not.

His Lordship—Apart from the other question altogether?

Sir Henry Berkeley stated that even if this was a libel in respect of which the hospital could sue, this hospital had nothing whatever to do with Mr. Vömel, and it was given in evidence that fees collected for operations were accounted for to the Basil Mission in Switzerland. Another point quite separate and independent was that the plaintiff was not entitled to sue, he was harassed of his action by having accepted apology, as far as he was concerned, from the defendants.

His Lordship—Your pleading does not amount to a plea of accord and satisfaction.

Sir Henry Berkeley—I submit it does. It is on me, in setting up the apology as a bar, to show that the parties intended there should be an end of all litigation in respect of this particular libel.

His Lordship—Assuming, of course, that it has a right of action.

Mr. Slade—Of course. If this article injures the Basil Mission Society, the plaintiff in this Court is the right plaintiff. I am showing your Lordship that the plaintiff here is a Society, not an individual at all. As my friend, with his usual aptness, put it, this Corporation was formed to protect the worldly interests of the Society.

His Lordship—That is a figure of speech, Mr. Slade.

Mr. Slade—Well, my lord, I think it is an exceedingly apt description of what the effect of this Ordinance is. The paper is a Hongkong paper; the wrong complained of was done in Hongkong; and the publication was in Hongkong, although the injury covered a wider area. Assuming the Society to have been injured, who else could sue in the Colony but the Society itself?

His Lordship—Why couldn't the doctor have sued?

Mr. Slade—Because these people, who have given their lives to good works, do not care to come forward and make claims for personal compensation. The injury which was done was not to them personally, but to the Society whose servants they were.

His Lordship—He is a servant of the Society, and an action by the doctor would have vindicated the Society.

Mr. Slade—He could not have got the \$4,000 for injury done to the Society.

His Lordship—It is alleged that he committed an operation tantamount to murder.

Mr. Slade—He might have been a party to this action, but he preferred not to be. I take the responsibility of having advised him that it was absolutely unnecessary. Unless he wanted to recover damages for his personal reputation, it was unnecessary for him to join in an action brought because of damage done to his employer.

His Lordship—Then I will withdraw the point.

Proceeding to deal with the first point, Sir Henry stated that the plaintiff had admitted in his evidence that the words did not refer to him, and upon the face of them they did not refer to him either as Mr. Vömel or as President in Hongkong. But it was incumbent on the plaintiff to show two things: he had to show that the libel applied to a particular person, either a person or corporation entitled to sue, and that that particular person was the plaintiff.

There was no evidence that the defendant was aware of the existence of this plaintiff. Counsel referred his Lordship to a case in Odger's between Eastwood and Holmes.

His Lordship (referring to it)—If a man wrote that all lawyers were thieves. (Laughter.)

Sir Henry Berkeley—That is a very rude illustration, but there is nothing to show that that article was inserted with reference to any special plaintiff.

His Lordship—On that point there are numerous authorities to show that a plaintiff must not be particularly named.

Sir Henry Berkeley—I did not say that.

Mr. Slade—No, but you implied it. Those authorities have been exploded once and for all by the case of the *Citizens' Life Insurance Co.* v. Brown reported in the 1904 Appeal Cases. Applying those principles to this case, I submit it is perfectly clear that this Corporation could have been sued by the husband of the woman if the allegations contained in this article had been correct. The Corporation would have been guilty of a civil wrong, for which redress could have been recovered from it.

His Lordship—Of a criminal wrong.

Mr. Slade—I am not concerned to say that.

His Lordship—I think it is material.

Mr. Slade—The wrong which gives rise to a civil claim for damages is imputed in this article.

His Lordship—You said in your pleadings it was a criminal offence.

Mr. Slade—Innuendo.

His Lordship—Yea.

Mr. Slade—Take it so, but that is not all. There is a great deal more than that. Continuing, Counsel stated that if a man was guilty of an act which amounted to a crime, that was no reason for depriving the person wronged of a civil remedy. His friend's assertion that a corporation could not be guilty of an assault was disputed by a long series of cases wherein corporations had been held liable for assaults committed by their servants in the course of their duty.

His Lordship—Even though it is an act which, as a corporation, they could not do.

Mr. Slade—A corporation acts through its servants, and if a servant acts within the scope of his employment the corporation is liable.

His Lordship stated that he did not propose to withdraw the case from the jury, as it might be held hereafter that the cause of

China, Africa and other parts. Could it be contended that the President in Hongkong could bring an action in respect of a libel on a mission in Africa? If he could not bring an action in Africa, he could not bring one in China. We could not pass an Ordinance in Hongkong enabling a corporate body to hold property in China. The local legislature had no jurisdiction to incorporate a libel on a mission in Africa, Africa or China, or anywhere outside of Hongkong. He submitted that the power and authority of the President in Hongkong was limited to the Colony. Assuming that the President in Hongkong could bring an action in respect of the property of the Mission in Ho Yuen, he could not bring an action of this character, because the wrong which was complained of was not an imputation upon the corporation as such, but upon individuals in the employment of the Corporation, and because the imputation was of a nature which amounted to the charge of the commission of an offence which could not be committed by a corporation.

Counsel then addressed the jury, and after his Lordship's summing up they retired, returning into Court after an absence of ten minutes.

The Foreman (Mr. Northcote) then announced that the jury had found for the plaintiff, and assessed the damages at \$2,000.

His Lordship reserved judgment pending the further argument.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

December 12th.

SPORTS.

The schools boys of Kwongtung are in a state of excitement just now owing to sports which are about to take place on the 15th and 16th of next month. Sports do not enter very largely into the life of the Chinese schoolboy, but from the enthusiastic way in which the lads of various schools in the city are training it would seem that, had they the opportunities, they would not be far behind their Western brothers. The sports are to take place outside the East Gate at a spot called Tung Kau Cheung. There are not only racing and jumping events, but shooting matches form an important part of the programme.

GAMBLING.

Many are the modes of gambling, but surely one of the worst among them is to set two male thrashers to fight to the death and bet on the result.

This is similar "sport" with cricket in the Ning Shih District, and to such an extent is this practice carried on that many well-to-do men have ruined themselves and families by this form of gambling. The booths and sheds where the fighting is carried on are taxed and the money goes towards the support of the local police force.

Ning Shan, however, possesses a few men who are of enlightened minds and who are disgusted with this rotten state of affairs,

and they have joined in sending a petition to the Viceroy asking him to take proceedings to stop these disgraceful practices.

OPIUM.

It is reported that in certain outlying parts of the Province the laws for the suppression of opium have had but little effect and are but lightly regarded.

The reason is said to be that there is no strict system regarding the sale of raw opium and it is stated that persons can, in some places, purchase this commodity at will and then, it is to be presumed, they prepare and retail it for their own profit.

Even members of anti-opium societies are not always true to their principles. It was noted in the native papers a few days ago that at the marriage of the daughter of a prominent member of the Ning Shan anti-opium society

two rooms were set apart and provided with pipes and opium for those who desired to indulge.

It was noted, moreover, that though certain members of the police force were not aware at first that the ship had stranded. It was believed that no damage had been done to the bottom of the vessel, and there was no fear of water getting in.

SELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY.

The newly-formed Self-Government Society of Honan has just established a fire brigade.

The engine is considered to be of good pattern and will force water to a distance of over ten ch'ungs. Frequent practices are being held and the scene always attracts large numbers of spectators.

To co-operate with the brigade a relief party will shortly be formed, and already several doctors have volunteered their services free of charge.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the Honan Society will confine their attentions to these and similar useful endeavours and not, as certain other societies are doing, fritter away their energies in causing needless strife.

RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASM.

Last week Fatsan was en fete, the reason being religious processions held in honour of a Buddhist deity known as Kwan Yam, whose temple at Fatsan has but recently been repaired.

To cope with the large influx of visitors many special trains were run daily from Canton, and the railway must have made a handsome profit. The launches and junks from up and down river were also crowded, and since Fatsan has been a town it has never had such a large number of visitors.

FIRE.

The city has been suffering from an epidemic of fires lately. One of the latest broke out in the Old City in a street near the Tartar General's Yamen. The flames spread very rapidly, and in a short time four houses were totally destroyed. During the same night another fire broke out in a joss paper store, but this luckily was not so destructive as the other.

The authorities have lately notified the public that should the crime of arson be proved against anyone, that person will be most severely dealt with.

OFFICERS IN DISEASE.

The Magistrates of the Nam Hung, Hoi Tang and Tiu Ping Districts have not taken sufficient steps to suppress the growing of native opium. Viceroy Yuan has punished them by giving each a black mark. Other Magistrates have been informed of this practice and have been told to take warning.

In contrast to this the Viceroy has recommended that the provincial officers be rewarded for faithful service, and Admiral Li stands first on the recommendation.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL—Keep your complexion, Miss Ellen's Crème Charnante, Latit Charnant and Special Skin Tonic and Pouder Charnant will enable you to do it.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

Ten guineas was paid in London on the 23rd ult. for reinsurance of the German mail steamer *Princess Alice*, which was reported overdue at Singapore from Hongkong.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha (Japan-China Steamship Company) took place at Tokyo recently, when a dividend of five per cent. per annum was declared.

The Hamburg-America Line steamer *Briagia*, which had been ashore outside Woosung for about ten days, was successfully refloated at 9.15 a.m. on the 9th inst. The task of refloating her was entrusted to the Kochien Transportation and Towboat Company. The *Briagia* will be docked for examination.

President Taft in his recent message to Congress has strongly urged the enactment of a Ship Subsidy Bill to encourage American shipping. According to a telegram published by the Manila papers, the President commented upon the deplorable depletion of American shipping and the embarrassing absence

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed DAILY PRESS only, and special business matter THE MANAGER.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

LADIES WISHING to attend Classes in First Aid or Home Nursing are requested to send in their name to the Hon. Secretary (Rev. F. T. JOHNSON), S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, before WEDNESDAY, December 22nd.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1522]

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Co's Office, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, First Floor, on the 29th December (WEDNESDAY), at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Eighteen Months ending 30th June, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd to the 29th December, both days inclusive.

By Order,

F. ELLIS,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1523]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

IM liegenden Handelsregister ist hierunter No. 4 der Firma GEBRÜDER ROESE, eingetragen worden:

Die Firma ist mit Aktiven und Passiven auf JOHANNES THUN in Swatow übergegangen.

KAISELICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Swatow, den 11. Dezember 1909. [1521]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SCANDIA". Captain V. Dihlwan, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited whence delivery may be obtained against Bills-of-Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given before To-DAY.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to re-shipment.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1523]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that IF WING CHO, FUNG CHI YEUR, FUN LAM SANG, CHENG TSUK SAM, IF KAM KWONG and WONG YAT WAN trading together in co-partnership under the style or firm of TUNG FU TAI Firm, Victoria, Hongkong, have, on the 15th day of September, 1909, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following TRADE MARKS:

1. The representation of a basket filled with flowers on the right hand side of the picture and the characters 泰興公司 meaning "TAY HING COMPANY" and on the left hand side are the characters 花籃爲記 meaning "FLOWER BASKET AS (OUR) MARK."

2. The representation of three anchors placed across each other with characters on either side of the picture as follows: 三鈎爲記 meaning "THREE ANCHORS AS (OUR) MARK."

3. The representation of two Chinese Boys in military uniform walking together one with his right hand outstretched and pointing at the characters on the left side of the picture which are 文明火柴 meaning "CIVILIZATION MATCHES" and on the right hand side of the picture are the characters 泰興公司 meaning "TAI HING COMPANY" and

4. The representation of a Chinese boy in military uniform standing on a segment of the Globe and holding a dragon ensign in each of his hands; on the right hand side of his head is the character 火 meaning "LOVE" and on the left hand side of his

hand is the character 國 meaning "COUNTRY" and near the foot of the picture just above the segment of the Globe is a row of stars with characters written in them as follows: 大清愛國第一火柴 meaning "PATRIOTIC TO TAI CHING NUMBER ONE MATCHES."

And have also on the 1st October, 1909, applied for the registration aforesaid of the following Trade Mark:

5. The representation of a Chinese hunter shooting with a rifle at a peacock standing under a tree with a butterfly at each corner of the picture and on the top of the picture the characters (同學泰行)

meaning "TUNG FU TAI FIRM."

in the name of IF WING CHO, FUNG CHI YEUR, FUN LAM SANG, CHENG TSUK SAM, IF KAM KWONG and WONG YAT WAN trading together as the TUNG FU TAI Firm, Victoria, aforesaid, who claim to be the Sole Proprietors thereof.

The Trade Marks have been used by the Applicants in respect of the following Goods in the following Class:

MATCHES IN CLASS 47.

Fascicles of such Trade Marks can be seen at the Offices of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and of the Undersigned.

Dated the 15th day of October, 1909.

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
On SATURDAY,
the 18th DECEMBER, 1909, at 3 P.M. at the
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
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A VARIED ASSEMBLAGE OF
X'MAS TOYS;

Also
A few Lots of LACE CURTAINS and
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Terms—As Usual.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1518]

E. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of
the letting by Public Auction Sale, to
be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of
December, 1909, at 3 P.M., at the Office of
the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of
His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot
of CROWN LAND at corner of Shing
Street and Hollywood Road, in the Colony of
Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the
option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed
by the Surveyor of His MAJESTY THE KING,
for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale.	Residence No.	Boundary Measurements (Approximate).	Opinion of Surveyor.	Stamp Duty.	Annuity Rent.	Upper Price.
1	100	Frontage 722 ft. Depth 100 ft.	722 ft. 100 ft.	5	5	5
2	101	Frontage 18' 9" Depth 9' 6"	18' 9" 9' 6"	12	4,322	4,322
3	102	Frontage 18' 9" Depth 9' 6"	18' 9" 9' 6"	12	4,322	4,322
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

BINGO MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,873 G. C. Harry, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 11th Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
CHINA, American str., 3,186, D. E. Friele, 14th Dec.—San Francisco and Shanghai 11th Dec., Mails and General—P. M. S. Co.
MATHERN, British str., 4,000, W. G. McArthur, 13th Dec.—Australia Ports 10th, Sydney 20th November, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
CILNOOGH, British str., 2,394, Paddle, 13th Dec.—Singapore 7th December, General—Order.
HAIRMAN, British str., 656, J. W. Evans, 14th December—Swatow 13th Dec., General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HALVARD, Norwegian str., 1,655, Anderson, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 4th Dec., Rice—Asgard, Thorsen & Co.
INDRAMATO, British str., 2,345, E. A. Thirkell, 13th Dec.—Shanghai 10th Dec., General—Showan, Tomos & Co.
MARIE, German str., 1,169, P. E. Christiansen, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast—Jehsan & Co.
NORI, British str., 4,179, G. Philipp, 14th Dec.—Yokohama 1st Dec., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
PETCHABUR, German str., 1,373, C. Gasewirth, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 4th and Swatow 12th Dec., Rice and Meal—Butterfield & Swire.
PRINZ LUDWIG, German str., 5,703, F. v. Bieser, 14th Dec.—Yokohama 5th Dec., General—Melchers & Co.
PRONTO, Norwegian str., 838, T. Seberg, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 10th December—Angard, Thoresen & Co.
SCANDIA, German str., 2,590, V. Dohsen, 14th Dec.—Singapore 7th December, General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

CLEARANCES,
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

Amigo, German str., for Haiphong.
Bujug Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Choosing, German str., for Bangkok.
Glenloch, British str., for Amoy.
Harmon, British str., for Swatow.
Kneisberg, German str., for Haiphong.
Shantung, British str., for Samrang.
Silesia, German str., for Straits.

DEPARTURES.

14th December.
CHOWFA, German str., for Amoy.
DEUCALION, British str., for Singapore.
FBI, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.
HATTANG, British str., for Swatow.
HONGKEE, British str., for Amoy.
KIAN CHING, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.
KWONGANG, British str., for Shanghai.
SAMSEN, Ger. str., for Bangkok.
SIGNAL, German str., for Swatow.
SUNGKANG, British str., for Amoy.
TAMING, British str., for Manila.
TOONAN, Chinese str., for Swatow.
WINGHANG, British str., for Shanghai.
WOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

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STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

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"DENBIGHSHIRE,"
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Hongkong, 10th November, 1909. [463]

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Captain R. Hayes, will be despatched as above on the 25th January.
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [1513]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's Office. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & CO.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NORI	Brit. str.	G. Philippe, R.N.C.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
LONDON, &c., via VARIOUS PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Brit. str.	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 26th inst.	About 26th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	16th Jan.	16th Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM	GAERIGDANSHEIRE	Brit. str.	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 20th inst.	On 20th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ABALIA	Ger. str.	Neumann	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.	Middle of Jan.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SENEGAMIA	Ger. str.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.	Middle of Feb.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.	Middle of Feb.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIQUE PORTS	INDIEN	Seew. str.	Charbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 21st inst., at 1 P.M.	On 22nd inst., at D'light
MARSEILLE, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	TOKIN	Fren. str.	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan.	On 5th Jan.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TONKO MARU	Jap. str.	A. Christianson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan.	On 5th Jan.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	Selmar	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan.	On 5th Jan.
MARSEILLE, LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	CANTON	Dan. str.	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at D'light	On 20th Jan.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Jan.	On 20th Jan.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	R. Hayes	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 25th Jan.	About 25th Jan.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	Jeger	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	10th Feb.	10th Feb.
MARSEILLE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	PRINZ LUDWIG	Ger. str.	E. v. Binsar	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-day, at Noon.	To-day, at Noon.
MARSEILLE, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	E. F. FREDERICK	Aus. str.	E. Nitsche	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 28th inst., P.M.	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SHIMORA	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 22nd inst.	On 23rd inst.	
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP	BRACHAM	Am. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 24th inst.	To-day.	
MARENGATO	INDRAMATO	Am. str.	J. Boyd	SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.	On 1st Jan., at 7 A.M.	On 22nd inst.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	AMERIC	Brit. str.	J. Boyd	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 22nd inst.	On 23rd inst.
MONTEAGLE	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	F. Prosch	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 15th Feb., at Noon	On 15th Feb., at Noon
INABA MARU	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon	On 21st Jan., at Noon
NIKHO MARU	NIKHO MARU	Jap. str.	C. H. Butler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., A.M.	On 25th inst., A.M.
NIKHO MARU	NIKHO MARU	Jap. str.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at D'light	On 26th inst.
NIKHO MARU	NIKHO MARU	Jap. str.	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 5 P.M.	On 22nd inst., at Noon
NIKHO MARU	NIKHO MARU	Jap. str.	F. Prosch	JADE-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	On 21st inst., at D'light	On 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.
NIKHO MARU	NIKHO MARU	Jap. str.	T. Fuseno	JADE-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	On 21st inst., at D'light	On 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.
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The departure of the GERMAN Mail for EUROPE is postponed until further notice.

The *Breslau*, with the German mail of the 17th ultimo, left Singapore on Friday, the 10th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The *Oceanien*, with the French Mail of the 18th November, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 5 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 21st instant, at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 16th October.

FROM	TO	DATE
Hoihow and Haiphong		
Singapore		
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji		
Singapore, Samarang and Bourabaya		
Macao		
Singapore, Penang and Colombo		
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe		
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama		
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay		
Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Yokohama		
Singapore, Penang and Bombay		
Macao		
Tsingtao, Weihaiwei and Chefoo		
Lianzhou		
Wednesday, 15th, 9.00 A.M.		
Wednesday, 15th, 9.15 A.M.		
Wednesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.		
Wednesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.		
Wednesday, 15th, 1.00 P.M.		
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Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.		
Thursday, 16th, 1.15 P.M.		
Thursday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.		

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STOCKS	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS	
Banks—			
Hongkong & Shai...	\$125	\$9974	
National B. of China	\$20	\$291.15	
Bell's Asbestos Co. A...	12/6d	\$16, buyers	
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$124, sellers	
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$36, buyers	
China Provident	\$10	\$49.50, sellers	
Cotton Mills—			
Ewo Cotton S. & W.	Tls. 50	Tls. 133	
Hongkong C. S. Co.	Tls. 75	264, sellers	
International ...	Tls. 100	Tls. 90	
Laon Kung Mow ...	Tls. 500	Tls. 111	
Soychoo ...	\$10	\$40, sellers	
Dairy Farm Co.			
Docks & Wharves—			
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$414, sellers	
H. & W. Dock	\$60	\$52, sellers	
New Asia Dock ...	\$64	\$9, sellers	
Shanghai Dock and ...	Tls. 100	Tls. 77	
Eng. Co., Id.			
Shai & H. Wharf ...	Tls. 100	Tls. 123	
Fenwick & Co., Geo. ...	\$10	\$411, sellers	
G. Island Cement Co.	\$10	\$73, sellers & buyers	
Hongkong & C. Guia...	\$20	\$20, buyers	
Hongkong Electric...	\$20	\$75, buyers	
Hongkong Hotel Co. {	\$25	\$484, buyers	
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$180, buyers	
H'kong Rop'g M. Co.	\$25	\$23, sellers	
Iustances—			
Canton	\$50	\$150, sales	
China Fire	\$20	\$118, buyers	
China Traders ...	\$25	\$42, buyers	
Hongkong Fire ...	\$50	\$375, sellers	
North China ...	Tls. 116	Tls. 116, buyers	
Union ...	\$100	\$95, buyers	
Yangtze ...	\$60	\$230	
Land and Buildings—			
H'kong Land Invest.	\$100	\$102	
Humphrey's Estate ...	\$10	\$18, sellers	
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$30, sellers	
Shanghai Land ...	Tls. 120	Tls. 120	
WestPoint Building	\$50	\$44	
Mining—			
S. F. Ass. Co. du T'kin	Fr. 250	\$225, buyers	
Baubs ...	18/10d	\$73, sellers	
Peak Tramways Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$132, sellers	
Philippine Co., Id.	\$10	\$30, buyers	
Refineries—			
China Sugar	\$100	\$100, sellers	
Luxon Sugar ...	\$100	\$31	
Robinson Piano Co.	\$50	\$60, sellers	
Steamship Companies—			
China and Manila ...	\$25	\$8, sellers	
Douglas Steamship ...	\$50	\$33, sellers	
H. Canton & M.	\$10	\$301, sellers	
Indo-China S. N. Co.	\$25	\$41, sellers & buy.	
Shell Transport Co.	\$1	6/-6	
Star Ferry ...	\$6	\$28, buyers	
South China M. Post ...	\$6	\$144, sellers	
Steam Laundry Co.	\$6	\$24, buyers	
Stores & Dispensaries—			
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$12	
Wm. Powell, Id.	\$7	\$3, sellers	
Watkins, Id.	\$10	\$5, sellers	
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$71, sellers	
Weissmann, Id.	\$10	\$10, buyers	
United Asbestos ...	\$4	\$121, sellers	
Union Waterboat Co.	\$10	\$300	
Rubber—			
Balgowries	\$75 (Stk.)	\$10 & b.	
Pogohe ...	22/- (Stk.)		
Balgas ...	28 (Stk.)		
Anglo-Malays ...	14/3		
Castelfields, fully p.	51, sellers		
Consolidated Malaya ...	2.1.0		
Damansara ...	24.04		
H'lands & L'lands ...	3/- rem.		
Kamunting ...	00/-		
Kuala Lumpur ...	4 / 6		
Ledbury's ...	24/6, sellers		
Lingzic ...	23/6, sellers		
Sapong ...	21/-		
Shefford's ...	72/-		
Sungei-Kapars ...			
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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER			
Hongkong Observatory, December 14th			
Previous Day 6 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.	
Barometer ...	30.20	30.26	30.14
Temperature ...	60	58	60
Humidity ...	31	44	59
Wind Direction	NNE	E	E
Force ...	3	4	3
Weather ...	b	b	b
Rain ...			

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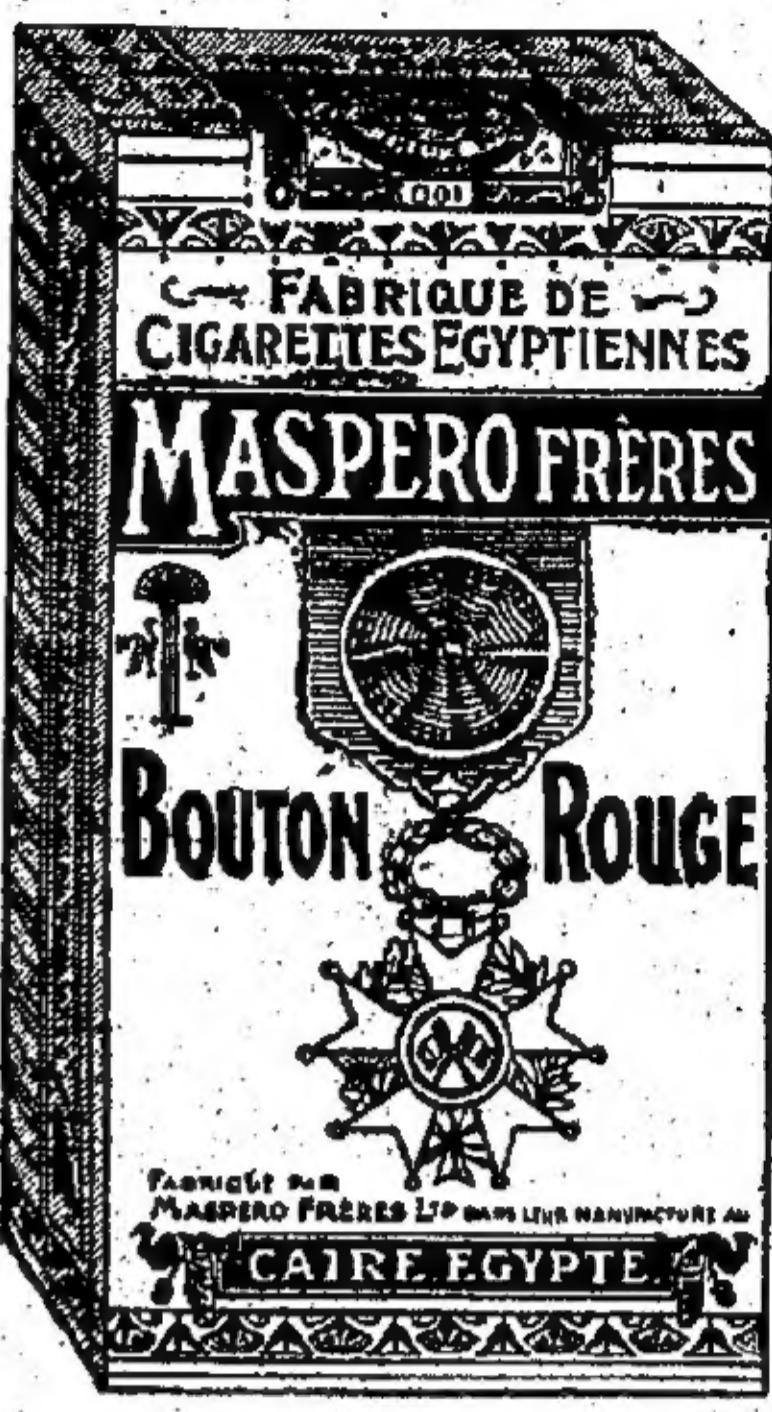
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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Buelow*, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 17th ult., left Singapore on the 10th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at noon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yukata Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apcar str. *Catherine Anne* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 10th instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

The Indo-China str. *Kutang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Manchuria* from Yokohama on the 11th inst., en route to Hongkong via Nagasaki and Manila, and is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 23rd inst.

SHIPMENT STEAMERS.

The str. *Katana* left Singapore on the 7th inst. afternoon, and is due here this morning.

The N.Y.K. str. *Mitsima Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 9th instant, and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Ceylon Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The German str. *Borneo* left Sandakan on the 9th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Shire Line str. *Pembroke* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 9th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Austria Lloyd's str. *Persia* left Singapore for this port on the 9th instant, and is due here to-morrow.

The C.N.C. str. *Kweichow* left Tientsin on the 10th inst., and is due here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. str. *Ceylon Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 24th ultimo, and is expected here on the 19th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Hirano Maru* (European Line) left Kobo for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 11th instant, and is expected here on the 20th inst.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Nore*, from Shanghai, Mrs Getley.

Per *Hainan*, from Swatow, Mr Kiak.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila, Mr and Mrs I. M. Redheads, Mr and Mrs Berkey, Mr and Mrs G. E. Schilling, Rev. and Mrs Hodges, Mr and Master Luckly, Mrs M. McClintock, Mrs Fuller, Mr Miller, Mrs S. D. Gordon, Mrs J. Shawson, Misses L. A. Price, Kelly, Pest.

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